

Turkeys Raised Slightly Lower than 2007

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2008 totaled 271 million birds, down slightly from 2007. Minnesota will have the highest number of turkeys raised with 49.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, and Indiana with 15.9 million. These six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the U.S. during 2008. Wisconsin numbers are included in the total U.S. production, but are not reported separately, due to few operations.

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State	2007	2008	Change
	1,000 Head	Percent	
AR	31,000	31,000	n.c.
CA	16,000	15,700	-2
IL	2,700	2,700	n.c.
IN	15,100	15,900	+5
IN	8,300	9,000	+8
MI	4,800	4,800	n.c.
MN	48,000	49,000	+2
MO	20,000	20,000	n.c.
NC	39,000	39,000	n.c.
ND	1,700	1,200	-29
OH	5,200	5,200	n.c.
PA	11,500	11,500	n.c.
SC	10,500	10,500	n.c.
SD	4,500	4,600	+2
VA	21,000	21,000	n.c.
US	271,685	271,084	n.c.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO